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Subject: Fw: Heads up for possible news item, Thursday, Feb 21 SBU -- information only, not for release to media.

Folks,

There will likely be a stmt made by UK FM Milliband mid-day today about the possible prior use of Diego Garcia for rendition flights. See below. We are to take no action now, pending press guidance from DC, but should report back to DC any relevant developments.

I have no idea if this could come up in the CERD. But wanted you to know just in case.

Mark

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Dan Fried and Colleen Graffy have asked that we provide a heads up on an issue that you may hear about before Washington is open tomorrow.

UK Foreign Secretary Miliband is planning to present information to Parliament tomorrow, Thursday Feb 21, that will address possible U.S. prior use of Diego Garcia for rendition flights. The statement (to be given around mid day London time), and subsequent questioning in Parliament will likely lead to questions and comments from folks in many of your countries. This e-mail is designed to give you a heads up and to ask that you not/not get ahead of either the UK statement or any press guidance/statement that Washington may provide. Please avoid confirming or denying the story, until/unless you receive further guidance.

Kathy
EUR/WE Director